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SUB: CEAUSESCU VISITS GHANA

1. ROMANIAN PRESIDENT NICOLAE CEAUSESCU, ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE,
VICE-PRESIDENT GHEORGHE OPREA AND PARTY OF 15, PAID OFFICIAL
VISIT TO GHANA FEB 25-27. CEAUSESCU GOT USUAL RED-CARPET
TREATMENT FOR HEAD OF STATE BUT APPARENTLY ACCOMPLISHED LITTLE
SUBSTANTIVELY.

2. AT BANQUET FEB 26. GEN ACHEAMPONG NOTED GHANA AND ROMANIA
HAD COMMON POLICIES AGAINST COLONIALSIS., IMPERIALISM AND
APARTHEID AND CALLED FOR CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.
HE THANKED CEAUSESCU FOR FACILITIES ROMANIA HAD PROVIDED FOR
NKRUMAH (WHO DIED IN ROMANIA) AND SAID THIS WAS LASTING
MONUMENT TO GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS. ACHEAMPONG ALSO BACKED
STRUGGLE TO LIBERATE RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA
ANC CALLED AGAIN FOR UNITY IN LIBERATION GROUPS. IN LONG-
WINDED TEDIOUS REPLY, CEAUSESCU SAID PEOPLE OF ROMANIA HAVE
FOLLOWED WITH DEEP SATISFACTION GHANA'S EFFORTS TO
DEVELOP ITSELF; STRESSED ROMANIA'S INTEREST IN HELPING
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA; AND REAFFIRMED HIS
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OPPOSITION TO COLONIALISM AND RELATED EVILS.

3. ROMANIANS WERE TO HAVE VISITED REGIONAL CAPITAL OF KUMASI,
WHERE GHANA'S MOST IMPORTANT TRADITIONAL LEADER, THE
ASANTEHENE, HAD LAID ON A LUNCH FOR 200 IN THEIR HONOR.
AT LAST MINUTE, HOWEVER, ROMANIANS CANCELLED TRIP, PLEADING FATIGUE.
ASANTEHENE REPORTEDLY FURIOUS, SINCE THIS IS SECOND TIME THIS

YEAR A VISITING HEAD OF STATE HAS STOOD HIM UP. CEAUSESCU
VISITED NATIONAL MUSEUM AND BOTANICAL GARDEN INSTEAD.

4. HEADS OF STATE SIGNED COMMUNIQUE FEB 27 CALLING FOR
BILATERAL PROJECTS IN FIELDS OF MINING, OLD EXPLORATION,
TRACTOR PRODUCTION, WOOD PROCESSING AND AGRICULTURE. TRADE
AND ECONOMIC PROTOCOLS WERE SIGNED AS WELL, UNDER WHICH
GHANA'S \$1.4 MILLION DEBT TO ROMANIA FROM NKRUMAH DAYS WAS
RESCHEDULED. GHANA ALSO AGREE TO REOPEN ITS
EMBASSY IN BUCHAREST IN NEAR FUTURE.SMITH

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